GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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POPULATION OF VULTURES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the disappearing population of vultures is set to create environmental problems;

(b) if so, whether some State Governments have agreed to start vulture breeding centres;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government has asked the other States also to start such vulture breeding centres;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes, Sir. Vultures play a key ecological role in the Indian sub-continent.

(b) & (c) The Government of Haryana has already set up a Vulture Conservation and Breeding Centre at Pinjore.

(d) & (e) Setting up of Vulture Care and Breeding Centre in the Range States of vultures has been identified as one of the options under Vulture Conservation Programme. Necessary permission for capture of vultures for their Vulture Conservation and Breeding Centers has been accorded to the States of West Bengal and Himachal Pradesh.

(f) Does not arise.